

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-4 as indicated below. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for tracking costs incurred by an entity comprising a plurality of groups, [[said]] the method comprising:

receiving billing information associated with consumption of computer-related hardware processing resources from a provider, the billing information including a plurality of computer-related hardware processing jobs executed by the provider for the entity and a corresponding plurality of job identifiers;

reading a business model file comprising at least one business dimension within [[said]] the entity, the at least one business dimension including:

organizational information including a list of a plurality of groups within the entity, and

application profiles that associate one or more computer-related hardware processing tasks, capable of being executed by the provider, to each group and to a corresponding one or more unique task identifiers; and

allocating [[said]] the billing information by [[said]] the at least one business dimension including matching each of the plurality of job identifiers to the one or more unique task identifiers.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the at least one business dimension further comprises at least one of a business process, ~~organizational information,~~ and an associated business performance metric.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein ~~said organizational information includes said plurality of groups, wherein said~~ the allocating step further comprises determining a total cost[[s]] incurred by ~~each of said~~ at least one of the plurality of groups.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the reading step further comprises:

determining an internal structure of ~~[[said]]~~ the entity, including ~~[[said]]~~ the plurality of groups within ~~[[said]]~~ the entity;

determining a billing detail of ~~[[said]]~~ the plurality of groups within ~~[[said]]~~ the entity;

determining a value driver of ~~[[said]]~~ the entity; and

determining an application profile of ~~[[said]]~~ the entity.